

THE MINING REVIEW

Shipments For the Week Surpass the 2,000-Ton Mark.

CROWNPOINT WILL RESUME

Work Commences Tuesday Underground in the Columbia-Kootenay-The Deer Park's Doubled Force-Drifting in the Le Roi.

The ore shipments last week passed the 2,000-ton mark, for the first time this year. The aggregate output came to 2,028 tons, divided among five different properties, as follows: Le Roi, 1,100; War Eagle, 665; Centre Star, 105; Iron Mask, 88; Poorman, 70.

For the same period last year the shipments were 1,231, barely 60 per cent of this year's figures. The most of the ore sent out last week went to Northport, which got 1,258 tons; Nelson was second with 255 tons, and Trail had 515 to its credit.

The B. A. C. is getting actively at work, and will commence actual mining Tuesday in the Columbia & Kootenay, while a new compressor is being installed to operate the Nickel Plate and the Great Western jointly. The Deer Park will soon be operated under a doubled force in the shaft, and the Crown Point work is to be resumed in the Crown Point. In the following summary the development of some of the mines during the past week is mentioned.

The Sunset No. 2. Joseph Trainor, the foreman at the Sunset No. 2, has been busy engaged the past week in placing a catch-tank and a pump at the 200-foot level in the shaft. Surface water had impeded work seriously and the improvements were commenced to enable the sinking of the shaft without interruption. The tank is being built in the footwall at the 200-foot station, where it will catch the entire seepage and surface water in that part of the workings. A pump is being installed to raise the water to the tunnel level, whence it will drain naturally.

There is about 15 inches of good ore in the bottom of the shaft, assaying around \$15. The showing is the best that has yet been disclosed in the shaft. The Canadian Gold Fields syndicate, which owns the property, had a meeting in Toronto on the 28th instant, when Dr. Wilson was elected president, and J. C. Drewry rechosen managing director. Mr. Drewry started for Rossland yesterday, and will be here this week.

The Columbia & Kootenay. It is expected that mining will be actively commenced Tuesday, as the overhauling of the property has been completed and the machinery is in first class shape to do effective work. The initial force will consist of 30 men, and this will be increased as rapidly as possible. The work will be divided among four different parts of the property—the No. 3 tunnel, the No. 2 tunnel, an upraise between the two, as well as in the shaft and in the new tunnel that D. J. Macdonald, the superintendent, has just started. The new tunnel will catch the ledge diagonally and from there on it will drift along the vein.

The Crown Point. Notwithstanding the heavy expense which the War Eagle company is undergoing in the improvements at the War Eagle mine, it expects to resume work soon on the Crown Point, and tenders are being received for the sinking of a 75-foot shaft from the top of the tunnel on the ledge in line with the upper shaft. As soon as the contract is completed, the company expects to install a hoist and proceed with power to sink indefinitely.

The Le Roi. Operations have been resumed drifting in the 700-foot level. Shipments were active all last week, and they totalled 1,100 tons, all of which went to Northport. The company is installing a new dynamo, which will have a capacity of 300 lights, for use in the buildings on the surface. A number of arc lights will be installed to facilitate work out of doors.

The War Eagle. The War Eagle kept up the regular shipments of about 100 tons daily all last week. Underground a chamber is under way at the 625-foot level in the shaft, and a crosscut back to the ledge has been commenced. There has been no marked change in the ore bodies. The employees now number 130. The contract for the new mess house will be let tomorrow.

The Victory-Triumph. The tunnel on the Victory-Triumph is in 303 feet and good values are met. There are some 10 men at work, as the surface is being prospected. It is expected that the force will be doubled next month.

The Deer Park. Work will commence as soon as possible sinking the shaft, while operations will continue drifting at the 200-foot level. During the past week work has largely consisted of timbering, etc., in preparation for future development.

The Nickel Plate. The shaft is being pumped dry, preparatory to active mining. A new compressor is under way, to supply the property and the Great Western with power.

The White Bird. The White Bird, east of Columbia mountain, is being explored by the White Bird company to discover the character of the ledge.

The Good Hope. Pending the completion of arrangements for power from the West Kootenay Power & Light company, no work is being done.

The Mascot. The Big Three company is working a good sized force of men in the tunnel the Mascot, on the east slope of Columbia mountain.

The Santa Rosa. An 11-foot lead of quartz has been met in the shaft, giving some copper values.

The Royal George. The task of prospecting the surface is continuing steadily with the sluicing arrangements recently installed.

The Buckeye. Surface prospecting continues, and the shaft is being cleared of water, preparatory to sinking.

The Great Western. As soon as the new compressor is completed work will be pushed on the Great Western.

The Poorman. Stopping continues in the main tunnel level. Seventy tons was shipped to Northport last week.

The Waverley Group. The Waverley group, on Sophie mountain, is said to be producing some good copper ore.

The Iron Mask. Work is going steadily ahead and the shipments last week amounted to 88 tons.

The Gertrude. Preparatory work in anticipation of active development is being done.

The Coxe. Work continues driving the main crosscut tunnel ahead.

The Good Friday. Over 30 men are at work in the tunnels recently started on the property.

The Jumbo. Work is continuing in the lower tunnel.

The Evening Star. Some ore is met in the main drift where work is under way.

The Josie. Work continues in the workings at the 300-foot level.

The Centre Star. Stopping in the Centre Star continues and 105 tons was shipped last week.

The Velvet. A new pump is being installed to clear the shaft of water.

The Abe Lincoln. Work has been temporarily suspended owing to the heavy flow of surface water.

The Red Point. Work continues driving the tunnel.

MILITIA IN ROSSLAND

A Company Has Been Formed Here by P. McL. Forin.

A List of the Members, Among Whom Are Many Who Have Seen Service in Similar Organizations.

Somewhat over a year ago those interested in militia affairs in Rossland came to the conclusion that the time had arrived when Rossland might ask, with good prospects of a favorable answer, for the establishment of a corps of militia here. Some desired artillery, and others very reasonably thought that mounted infantry would be most suitable, but in the end it was determined to petition the departments of militia and defence for a particular branch of the service, but leaving this to the district officer commanding this division. The petition was drawn up and circulated, and it was an agreeable surprise to those who had been instrumental in starting the agitation to find such a large number of experienced and qualified men in the city.

After a goodly number of names had been placed on the petition, it was forwarded through the proper channels and favorably received, but the minister of militia advised that no immediate action could be taken. However, the matter was persistently pushed, both by personal attendance at the department and by correspondence with the minister in this district, Hewitt Bostock, and others, and though somewhat delayed, instructions were sent P. McL. Forin of this city by Lieut.-Colonel Peters, district officer commanding militia division No. 11, on the 19th inst., to proceed with the formation of a company of militia in Rossland, to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one second lieutenant, three corporals, one bugler and 35 privates.

- Lieutenant-Colonel Peters at the same time advised that he had also authority for the formation of companies at other points in the Kootenay and Yale districts, such as Nelson, Revelstoke, Kamloops and Vernon. The district officer commanding is very uniform adapted by the department very similar to that worn by the infantry of the Egyptian army, with some slight changes, as for example a cap instead of the helmet, and it is the hearty wish of the officers and men here that they may be successful. The headquarters for these companies has not yet been chosen, but Rossland, as THE MINER has already pointed out, would seem to be the proper point to choose, both from its population and strategic value. The service roll was at once circulated, but as it was thought desirable to secure members of an average height of 5 feet 9 inches if possible, but it is now complete and the names of the officers and men are as follows: P. McL. Forin, cap't; K. L. Burnett, lieut; J. L. G. Abbott, 2d lt; W. Hart-McHarg, S. George, 1st lt; E. W. Ward, W. A. Wilkin, A. L. Anderson, F. A. Wilkin, William Harp, Joseph Coats, W. P. Dockerill, Lorne Becher, A. E. Taylor, E. Job, W. L. Coulthard, A. M. Whiteside, George Ashwell, W. H. B. Anderson, T. H. Miller, J. R. Mackay, John E. Hooson, Robert Reddick, Joseph Squires, Geo. S. McKenzie, H. B. Findley, G. C. Mackay, Robert S. Campbell, Donald W. Martin, W. A. Blair, William C. Fraser, Daniel Dickinson, Alfred W. Dyer, C. W. Chesteron, John J. Kingsmill, D. M. McLaren, J. C. Rea, W. P. McNeill, T. Corsan, J. M. Webb, C. S. Askew, W. F. McNeill, S. Kirkup, H. E. Townsend, J. W. Boyd, Geo. E. Townshend, John W. Graham.

IT WAS CONDEMNED

Redistribution Denounced by Rossland Citizens.

IT IS AN UNFAIR MEASURE

Dr. Bows' Resolutions, Which Were Courteous in Tone, Set Aside and an Acrimonious Set Supported by Mr. Bogle Adopted—The Debate.

The meeting at Dominion hall Friday evening to protest against the proposed redistribution bill, was attended by an audience that completely filled the building, and after an enthusiastic meeting a strong set of resolutions was adopted condemning the proposed bill and asserting that in presenting it the government had deliberately intended to deprive a large part of this section of the province of its share of the revenue. The resolutions were telegraphed at once to Victoria. Mayor Wallace, who, in answer to a requisition had called the meeting, presided. In response to a general request, Dr. E. Bows made the opening speech. He expressed his disapproval of the proposed bill, which would give Trail Creek and Boundary together only one member, and he pointed out that while West Kootenay produces one-third of the wealth of the province and has one-fifth of the population, yet this district would only receive three members out of a total of 37, when on the basis of revenue she should have 12, or on the basis of population, five. It was the keynote of the British rights that taxation without representation was unjust, and next to that came taxation with inadequate representation. In conclusion, he moved the adoption of the following resolution, which, he said, had been prepared with the assistance of several of the men who signed the Bogle's Resolution.

Whereas, In justice and equity a bill providing for the representation in the legislature of this province should have regard to the population, number of voters and revenue paid; and Whereas, The district of West Kootenay pays one-third of the total revenue of the province, and has a large number of voters, and contains nearly one-fifth of the total population of the province; and Whereas, The Kettle River mining division of Yale district contributes a large amount to the revenue of the province, and has a rapidly growing population; and Whereas, The Kettle River mining division of Yale district is separated from West Kootenay by a range of mountains, and travel between the said division and the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay is difficult and expensive; therefore be it

- (1.) Resolved, That the redistribution act, 1898, does not do justice to the district of West Kootenay and Yale; (2.) That the Trail Creek Mining division of West Kootenay is entitled to separate representation; (3.) That the Kettle River Mining division of Yale district should be constituted into a separate electoral district and have representation of its own; (4.) That the government be requested to do justice to the people of West Kootenay and Yale as asked; (5.) That copies of this resolution be sent to the premier, Mr. Bogle, and Mr. Kelly, and to the Boundary Times, Grand Forks Miner, and Midway Advance.

The motion was seconded by James Martin, who, however, objected to it on the ground that it was a matter of British honor, and that although he did not hope that any resolution would succeed with the present government.

F. A. Wilkes of the Trades and Labor Council, moved that Dr. Bows' resolution be amended by approving the following: Whereas, The present arrangement of the redistribution act, submitted by the government to the provincial legislature for approval, provides for increased representation some cases for sparsely populated districts and only unfair and extremely inadequate representation for the Kootenay district in general and Rossland, city and the Trail Creek division in particular; and Whereas, The said Kootenay district having contributed upwards of \$310,000 to the provincial exchequer for the fiscal year 1896-7, an increase of 200 per cent over the previous year, and aggregating over one-fourth of the whole revenue of the province, a very large proportion of which was contributed by the Trail Creek mining division; and Whereas, Rossland being generally regarded in point of population and commercial importance as the third city of British Columbia, ought by right under a fair and equitable basis of representation to have a member, as her voting strength at the present time exceeds five times that of any other district; and Whereas, The redistribution act, submitted to the Hon. J. H. Turner and the representative of this district immediately, and that the secretary of the committee be directed to correspond with the political clubs of Rossland and the Trail board of trade with a view of securing their endorsement of these resolutions.

A Trade by Bogle. David B. Bogle, in seconding the amendment, made a rampant speech in opposition to the resolutions introduced by Dr. Bows. He defied the government to carry its redistribution bill into effect and he besought the audience to voice its sentiments, not as a suggestion, but as a demand. Mr. Bogle fairly exploded sulphurous flames from every pore as he finished his tirade against Dr. Bows' resolution.

In reply Dr. Bows made a dignified answer, in which he pointed out that he had not the slightest objection to the addition of the Trades and Labor Council's resolution, but it had no special features not contained in the original resolution, and he did not see the utility of attacking the government and arousing its animosity with a rabid resolution, when a milder and courteous document would effect the same end, without exciting the suspicion of the government that it had a ceaseless and bitter enemy in the Trail Creek district.

Ernest Miller, while not defending the bill, suggested that the difficulty with it was not so much that it did not give Trail Creek sufficient representation as that it allowed too much to some other sections, such as Esquimalt and Cassiar. One reason that so much objection had been made against the proposed bill, was, according to Mr. Miller, that it did not give enough jobs for all the hungry applicants.

The Bill Manifestly Unfair. A. B. Clabon pointed out that under the new bill, while Cassiar with less than 300 voters would get two representatives, Nelson, Boundary and Trail together, with about 4,400 electors, would have only two legislators. Mr. Clabon was followed by C. O. Lalonde, who urged the necessity of presenting a bill to the government in the interests of the district in order to secure adequate representation. Dr. Sinclair likewise urged the same point.

Figures by Mr. McOutcheon. Hugh McOutcheon, who succeeded Dr. Sinclair, presented the following figures showing the comparative importance of the different districts under the proposed redistribution bill:

Table with 4 columns: District, Revenue, No. Voters, No. Members. Rows include Victoria City, South Victoria, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, Nanaimo South, Comox, N. West District, Van. City District, Yale District, Cariboo District, Cassiar District, Lillooet District, East Kootenay, West Kootenay, and a total of \$949,157 37.

The Bogle-Allen Resolution. At this point Mr. Bogle introduced a new amendment, but owing to the fact that he had seconded the previous one, his new venture was presented by W. Giesler Allan, late of Nelson, who announced that he was now on his way in such a fight as is now on, no raw hand in this district some years ago. Mr. Allan suggested that unless the request of Trail Creek for sufficient representation were acquiesced to, the government should be ignored. The Bogle-Allen resolution was as follows:

"Be it resolved, That this meeting approves the resolutions re the redistribution act, recently adopted by the Trades and Labor Council, and be it further resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting the redistribution bill has been deliberately arranged to deprive the citizens of a large section of this province of their inherent rights to adequate representation in the government of the country, and that this meeting records its indignation against such gross injustice, and that these resolutions be telegraphed to Victoria."

The question, when put to vote, resulted in the passage of the latter resolution by a majority of about six, and the meeting immediately adjourned.

Choral Union Will Again Entertain. It is the intention of the Rossland Choral Union to give another entertainment about the first week in June, when a miscellaneous program of solos, instrumental selections and part songs will be rendered.

The choruses in the coming concert will be in a lighter vein than those of the "Hymn of Praise" lately rendered by the Choral Union, and will include works of the best composers. Mr. Low, the conductor of the society, will be in a lighter vein on Monday and Tuesday next from 4:30 till 6 p. m. to receive applications for membership, as there is yet room in the chorus for fully 20 voices.

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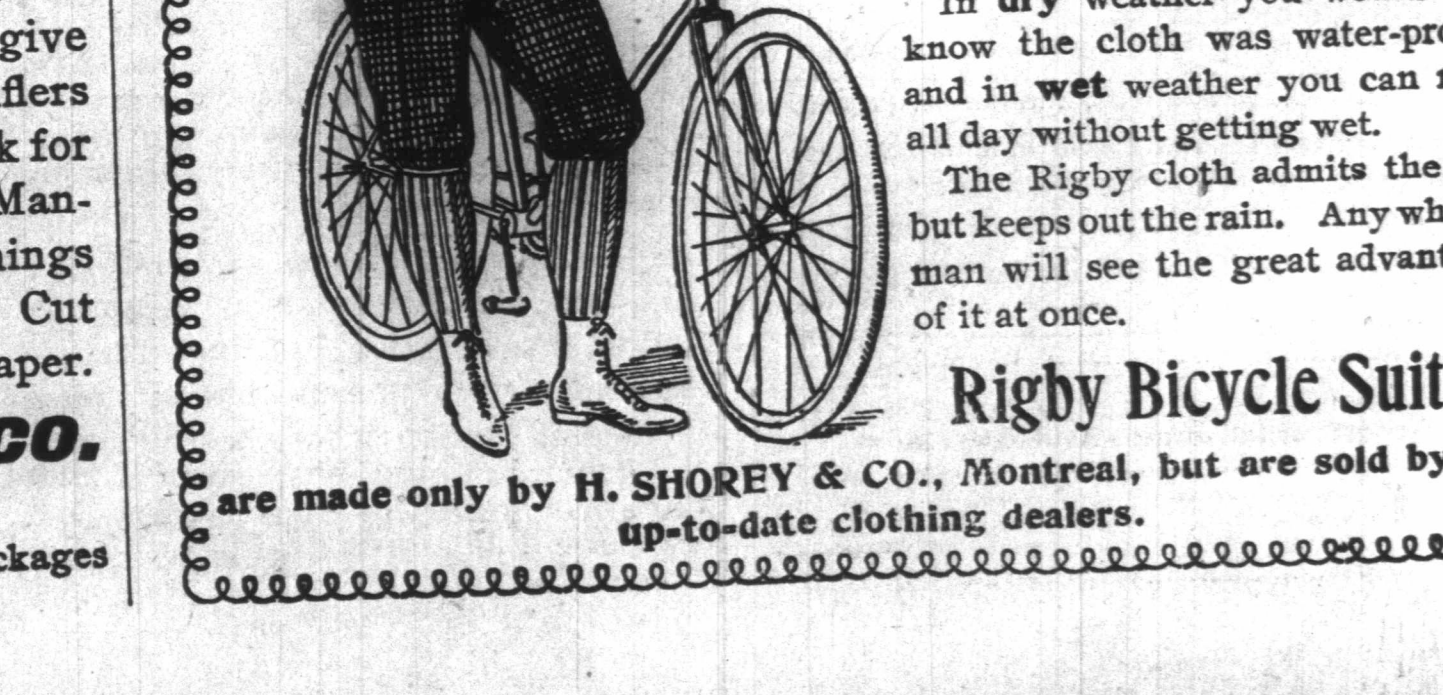
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War Eagle Galloway

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The Nickel Plate With a 12-100 Is No Black Bear

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